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1. IL QUOTIDIANO ERITREO OF 25 SEPT CARRIED ARTICLES ON THE ARRIVAL OF ATO EMMANUEL ANDEMICHAEL, THE NEW GOVGEN OF ERITREA. IT INCLUDED WELCOMING ADDRESS BY VICE GOVGEN, FIT. TESFALIDET GHERED AT PALACE AND REPLY BY ATO EMMANUEL.

2. FIT. TESFALIDET, SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF PEOPLE OF ERITREA, DISCUSSED THE TASK OF ATO EMMANUEL TO PROVIDE JUSTICE AND A BETTER ADMINISTRATION FOR THE PEOPLE OF ERITREA. HE REAFFIRMED THE MOTTO -"ETHIOPIA TIKDEM" AND DEPLORED THE PAST 13 YEARS OF HUMAN SUFFERING AND INJUSTICE IN ERITREA. FIT. TESFALIDET ASSURED ATO EMMANUEL THAT HE HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVERNORATE GENERAL STAFF IN THIS PERIOD OF TRANSITION FOR ETHIOPIA WHICH REQUIRED PATIENCE AND HARD WORK FROM ALL.

3. IN HIS REPLY, ATO EMMANUEL SAID HE RETURNED TO ERITREA TO RE-
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ESTABLISH PEACE. HE REMINDED HIS AUDIENCE THAT THEY HAD KNOWN

EACH OTHER SINCE HIS CHILDHOOD. HIS THEME WAS UNITY AND AN END
TO DIVISION ALONG RELIGIOUS AND REGIONAL LINES. HE DEPLORED
THE LOSS OF LIFE RESULTING FROM THE HATRED CREATED BY PAST ADMIN-
ISTRATIONS. ATO EMMANUEL SAID "ETHIOPIA TIKDEM" MEANT "ERITREA
TIKDEM. HE CALLED ON ALL THE PEOPLE TO WORK WITH HIM ON FIND-
ING PEACE WHICH WOULD ALLOW EVERYONE TO WORK AND LIVE IN PEACE.
HE SAID THE DETAILS OF HIS PROGRAM WOULD FOLLOW LATER. ATO
EMMANUEL CLOSED BY SAYING "ETHIOPIA TIKDEM, ERITREA TIKDEM,
DESTRUCTION TO THEIR ENEMIES."
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